Humor, Eli Perkins maintains, is a description. It is a photograph of actual life. It is truer than history, because it gives not only the facts but dialects, too. The humorist gave this sweet photograph of a New England courtship to illustrate humor:

Seven long years ago, said Eli, Jonas Harris began to "keep company" with Hannah Bell, and yet in all that time he had not mustered courage to propose a certain important question. His house was lonely and waiting; hers was lonely enough to be vacated, and still Jonas could not bring himself to speak the decisive words. Many a time he walked up to the door with the courage of a lion only to find himself a very mouse when she appeared. He had never failed in dropping in to cheer her loneliness on Christmas evening, and this year he presented himself as usual. The hearth was swept, the fire burned brightly, and Miss Hannah was adorned with smiles and a red bow. Conversation went serenely on for an hour or so, and then, when they both sat paring red apples with great contentment, Jonas began to call upon his recollections.

"It's a good many years, ain't it, Hannah, since you and I sat here together?"

"Yes, a good many." "I wonder if I shall be settin' here

this time another year?" "May be I shan't be at home. Perhaps I shall go out to spend the evening myself," said Miss Hannah, briskly. This was a blow indeed, and Jonas

"Where?" he gasped.

"Oh, I don't know," she returned, beginning to quarter herapple. "I might be out to tea-over to your house, for "But there wouldn't be anybody over

there to get supper for you.' "May be I could get it myself." "So you could! so you could! cried

Jonas, his eyes beginning to sparkle. "But there would be nobody to cook the pies and cakes beforehand. "May be I could cook 'em."

At that moment Jonas' plate fell between his knees to the earth and broke in two, but neither of them noticed it. "Hannah," cried he, with pent-up emphasis of seven long years, "could you bring yourself to think of gettin' mar-

A slow smile curved her lips; surely she had been given abundant time for consideration.

"May be I could," she returned, demurely, and Jonas has admired himself to this day for leading up to the subject so cleverly.

Then the humorist gave this popping the question from his book: "Wit and Humor of the Age," to illustrate the witty way of handling the same subject. One picture is true and the other imag-

mary. Her eyes shone a beautiful, joyous and said:

"Julia, I have something confidential "What is it, Augustus?" she asked, in

a low. silvery voice-a kind of German silvery voice. "Well, Julia, to be frank with you, I think that under some eircumstances I

might love you. Now, do you love me?" "Yes, Augustus, I do love you-you know I do," and then she flung her alabaster arms around his neck.

"I am very glad, Julia," he said, "for I like to be loved." "Well, Augustus?"

But Augustus never said another word. Fashionable fellows never say more than that nowadays.

Alas, they were never married. Moral-Girls, never tell a fellow that you love him till he has asked you to be his wife .-- Chicago Journal.

A MOON FLOWER.

It is Sensitive to Every Change of the Lunar Orb and Is Very Beautiful. Mr. Arnold Brinkworth, who owns,

perhaps, the finest private botanical collection in the country, and whose greenhouses near Mount Sterling, Ky., are filled with the rarest and most delicate plants of all nations, is exhibiting with much pride a specimen of the Fleur de Lune, the existence of which has often been doubted, but which was sent Mr. Brinkworth a few months ago by a friend residing near Obydos,

Brazil.

It was obtained for him from an Indian, who found it growing in a swamp in the depths of the Amazonian forests, and is the only specimen which has ever reached this country alive. Those who have been favored by a glimpse of the curiosity say it is a delicate, tenacious vine, covered with small, glossy leaves of a bright and very tender green, climbing to a height of four or five feet. bearing here and there a milk white blossom of a disk-like shape.

When the moon is at its first quarter a distinct shadow or stain of a deep yellow, which seems rather in than out of the flower and corresponding to the shape of the moon, makes its appearance on this disk, and grows as the planet does, until, when at its full size, the yellow stain covers the entire flower. As the moon begins to wane again this retreats in the same ratio, and finally disappears altogether, to return once more as the new moon is seen to

When the planet sets the flower closes and does not unfold until the moon rises on the following night. It pursues this course month after month whether placed in the open air or kept in a hothouse, though under the latter circumstances the yellow tint is much paler and more undecided, while the white surface takes on a dingy, unhealthy tinge. The plant subsits almost entirely on air, its roots being barely covered with a little moist gravel.-N. Y. Journal.

Getting a Yearing.

"Thunder and Mars!" cried the speak er of the house, as a bullet tore off the lobe c his right ear, during a heated debate in a territorial legislature. "Who

done that?" "Me," answered the member from Bitter Creek. "Been tryin' to attract your attention for the last twenty minutes, but my voice was too weak. Didn't go to spile your year; reckoned on hittin' the mallet in your hand, but somebody jogged my elbow. Move we adjourn, sir."-Jury.

-A Noble Purpose.-A young manin Batavia, N. Y., will go over Niagara Falls in a rubber ball if the public will contribute \$100,000. He will then take the money and build twenty meeting houses for poor congregations, and if no preachers can be had he w fill the pulpits himself.

DOMESTIC CONCERNS.

-Use tepid water for washing white silk handkerchiefs. -When making white cakes, use one-

half teaspoon more of cream of tartar than soda, as this extra quantity of cream of tartar makes the egg whites

lisappear, make the mush pretty thick, then put in one pint of cold water and beat well and let it boil good. There will be no lumps in the mush. -A Nice Dessert: Take pop-corn and

pop it nicely. To three cups of the popped corn use two cups of sweet milk, a little salt, and a lump of butter; bring to a boil; stir occasionally, but do not allow to boil longer than two or three minutes. Serve with sugar and cream. Try these and report.—Ohio Farmer. -Almond taffy is the latest "sweet."

Boil together half a pint of water and a pound of brown sugar for ten minutes; blanch and slice through the middle one and one-half ounces of almonds; stir them in the sirup with two ounces of butter; let it boil hard for ten minutes; pour on a well-buttered dish to the thickness of half an inch.-Boston Budget. -The small green insects that are so

annoying to the winter house-plant may be destroyed, according to a good authority, by plunging the plant into a tub of water heated to 130 degrees. The temperature should be carefully tested by aothermometer. A momentary bath is sufficient, and the most sensitive foliage will not be injured by the pro-

-Coffee Cake: Take one generous pint bread dough and work into it one-third cup butter, one-third cup sugar, one beaten egg and one-half cup raisins, stoned and well floured. Put into a buttered pan, let rise till it doubles its bulk, and bake about forty-five minutes in a moderate oven. Remove, brush with melted butter, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon mixed. Serve either hot or cold.-Boston Globe

-A receipt for a soap-bubble mixture to one ounce of soft water. It should be carefully weighed by a druggist. The mixture should be placed in a bottle three times as large as will contain it, and after standing two of three hours, one-half as much glycerine as water house-right handy by for hitching up should be added. This may be allowed a few hours to dissolve, and then should be thoroughly shaken at inter- trance to covered yard. We can drive vals to facilitate thorough solution. Large and durable bubbles can be made from this mixture, which should hitch on in the morning and go right be prepared twenty-four hours before around out the other doors, with wagon it is to be used.

-Louisiana Tripe: The Creoles of in the other way and go out through Louisiana have many richly-flavored tool house. Again we can go through dishes in which onions and tomatoes stable in main barn. Over all the play an important part. For one, scald spaces in tool house except 6 we have a pound of tripe and cut in strips three a floor, so as to use room above for by five inches. Fry half a pound of storing odds and ends. Over tools the sausage meat until done, frying in the floor is about 7 feet high; over carriage Transcript. same pan and at the same time a pint of space, a little higher. The dotted lines sliced and drained tomatoes and one simply show position of posts. There sliced onion. When the sausage meat are no partitions, of course, in tool light, when Augustus leaned forward is done lay it with the thick part of the tomatoes on the strips of tripe, and tie | As used in connection with other buildsecurely. Make a number of little balls of sausage meat from the remaining half pound and fry done; put a little butter in a pan and brown the tripe rolls quickly. When they are brown pile them up on a dish with the sausage balls in the middle and pour a sauce around them made by pouring a little water in the pan in which the tripe was browned, adding the thin part of the tomatoes, seasoning, thickening and straining. - American Agriculturist.

WHAT TO WEAR.

Some Suggestions Concerning Spring Cos-

tumes. Black is united with almost every color, and jet is peculiarly favored upon tints of pink, yellow and gray. Black serge showing a weaving of graduated satin stripes is in vogue, and is made up so that, as far as practicable, the stripes plaids, blocks and stripes in fine serge becoming to all ages and figures. Rough fabries are also woven in black and white combination. Mohairs of silk warp, both wide and narrow, plain and shaded, are very pretty in the grays as space is graveled and only just full well as in black and white. As this enough to turn the water off (with fabric is light and does not take the dust it is desirable as a shopping and street dress, and the handsome alpacas, now so much worn, are recommended

for the same reason. cheviots in which are woven invisible dappled with the inevitable knots of the outside, and then open 5 feet, thus suitable for late spring. Smooth chev- out exposure to rain or mud. The of soft hair to stand out in relief from Farmer. the ground. These goods are pliable, and can be made up with entire satisfaction by any of the prevailing modes. A new fabric is called mousseline de soie. Black grounds are embossed with black silk figures, and this material is much worn by elderly ladies, or by widows who have laid aside crape.

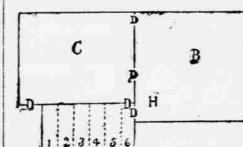
In cotton challies, the cream-colored ground is the favorite, on which are displayed various shapes of flowers, ferns, moons, crescents, rings, feathers, and borders of blossoms, vines or widespreading leaves. The new ginghams are in plaids or stripes and very pretty. The French sateens are of great beauty of design and color. Inexpensive dresses are made of cashmere combined with brocaded silk in contrasting colors. In the newest dresses, shoulder seams are shorter than ever, and the high sleeves make them appear still shorter. The side-form seams reach almost or quite to the shoulder seams, and waists are est. much longer than heretofore. Foundation skirts are fitted as smoothly as a waist lining, the fullness being taken out by darts at the top of the front and sides, and the fullness of the back massed in the middle in plaits or gathers. -Woman's News.

A Neat Evening Dress. This is a dress of figured crepe de demi-train. Beginning at the back of instead but that is an injury to the chine, made in princesse form, with a the neck is a length of Venus pink satin, ground. If smoking seed corn with which is full and shirred into the waist and the ends knotted in a large bowwhich falls over the train; a jabot of embroidered chiffon is put with surplice effect upon the front of the waist and descends to the feet; there is a narrow plaiting of white silk upon the front of the skirt; the bodice is filled in with pink silk, which is crossed and left open in a V, the waist being encircled by ribbon; the upper half of the sleeve consists of a full puffing of crepe, while the lower in formed of puffed chiffu separated by ribbon.-Philadelphia Times.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

HANDY TOOL HOUSE.

His Ohio Farm. I am entirely satisfied with our toolhouse, when taken in connection with the other buildings. It just suits us. -To make those horrid lumps in mush | In order to make this plain, a rough ground plan of buildings is given, which is not drawn in exact proportion, as I am away from home and have no are hung to the posts by hinges. They could not well slide. I would not have for end doors to swing against, if you wish. The first four pairs of doors to the left, marked 1, 2, 3, and 4, give entrance to the part where we store tools. right for tools to be put in. For example, the second pair (2) are \$ feet wide, and we store in these the manure spreader, roller and grain drill, which are all of about that width. No. 5 is used for the carriage, or we can put in two, by backing one in and running the other in thills first. No. 6 is a gangway through to the shed or covered yard. We can leave a wagon in there, or two side by side. But we usually leave wagons in the covered vard (C) in summer, as we do other tools which we may be using. They are put in the covered yard at nights. When we are through with them for the time being



they are put in their places in the toolhouse; but we need not go to this allows sixty grains of white castile soap trouble every night. In the winter, wagons are put on barn floor of main barn, which leaves space in No. 6 for sleigh and carriage.

> horse stable (H) with reference to tool or unhitching. The letter D stands for door all through. Notice outside enin one way, say through the space at 6, in tool house, and unhitch, and then or binder or any tool. Or we can come house. The tool house is 22x56 feet. ordered liver. Only one pill a dose. ings it just suits us. We could suggest no changes for the better. It is as snug, with as little waste room, and as convenient as we could make it. With a thousand dollars' worth of implements to care for, it pays, and so does the covered yard, as a temporary shelter for tools, say nothing about the saving

We were unable to build all at once, but had the plan laid out and got it ing her opinion without pay. -N. Y. Ledger. completed as soon as possible. The tool house was first built and nicely finished, at a total cost, including all lumber, labor, etc., of \$400. Then the main barn and a part of covered yard followed in two or three years, at a cost of about \$1,400. Then last year we finished up vard to our entire satisfaction at a further cost of nearly \$200. We might build the tool house slightly different for use alone or if differently situated in regard to other buildings. run vertically. Black and white broken | Friend Tabor can figure this out for his circumstances. We have the space at and camel's-hair are shown, and are No. 6, 12 feet wide, which is room enough for driving in three horses

The grading in front of tool house, however, is very carefully done. The eaves trough to help), so one man can readily draw in a wagon or most any tool. The floor is of earth, of course, the door posts resting on stones sunk in the earth. There is tight under-Among the fancy rough fabrics are | pinning under the other three sides. The covered yard is in the southeast checks in neutral browns and grays, corner. It is planked up 7 feet high on white, black or colors. These are more giving stock pure air and sunshine withiots having grounds of mixed dark buildings protect it from north and colors are also seen with vertical stripes west. There is water there, of course, of colored silk. Shepherdess suiting is as well as comfort for man and beast a soft, twilled fabric resembling plaid (no more mud!) and two or three profcamel's-hair, the squares being woven its besides.-T. B. Terry, in Ohic

POULTRY PICKINGS.

stead of so much grain. some of the eggs will be lost.

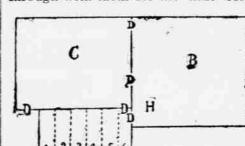
eating is to kill those that begin it.

among young poultry, causing considerable loss; they must be guarded against. pound, but there is considerable difference between the largest and the small-

Seed Corn and Gophers.

The subject of how to protect seed eorn from gophers is a very important one. Probably no greater leak than just this can be found upon the farm. I believe that fully one-eighth of the stand of corn is injured every year. I have known of very many pieces taken so badly that entire replanting was necessary; sometimes flax was sown gophers molesting it, I would like to know it. You see I want to emphasize the word know. I have seen a dozen ways of prevention going the rounds of the papers, but I should hate to pin my faith to something and then lose a stand of corn. Poison and watchfulness will protect; but it is no light task, and at a season of the year when every moment is precious, and one can ill spare the time. Smoking can be done at one's leisure before the rush of spring work begins -Orange Judd Farmer.

Mr. Terry Describes the One in Use on tools. There are six pairs of doors in look tred; reporters look inquisitive front of the tool-house. The entire | mathematicians look studious; judges front is doors, except the posts. They look grave, and a man whose home life them slide if I could. Put posts down often we think this man is a butcher. These doors are made of a width just to recognize the genuine farmer the Ledger. Tourists,



B is the barn. Notice position of

of manure.

abreast and unhitching them.

GEESE and ducks need bulky food in-KEEP a watch on the turkey hens or Supplying good drainage will aid

materially in preventing roup. THE best plan of stopping feather A TABLESPOONFUL of copperas in the

drinking water for younger fowls will be found healthy. WHILE bran makes an excellent food for poultry it should never be fed dry or raw; always scald it thoroughly.

RATS are often very troublesome Eюнт average hen eggs will weigh a

Pacial Expression. A man's occupation has a great deal

to do with making his facial expression. Studies or scholarly professions, intellectual pursuits, when coupled with moral habits, brighten the face and give a superior look. An unselfish nature, or love of study or arts, will make a bright, pleasant face; but, on the contrary, a man may have a face that does not please any one, because of pure selfishness. It may be noticed that soldiers get a hard, severe look; laborers is unhappy looks all broken up. The business often makes the face. How this one a lawyer, that one a minister, the other a doctor, and so on. It is seldom we are mistaken, for the calling shows through the faces. And who fails minute one sets eves on him?-N. Y.

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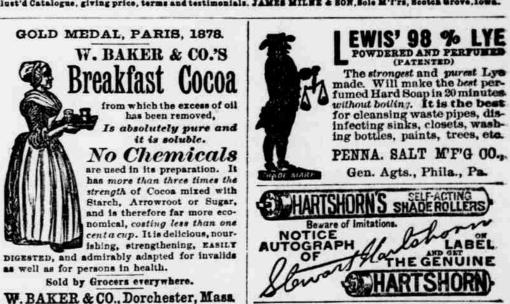
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